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Brian Tilley
United States Gypsum Company
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Sigurd, Utah 84657

Re: Permit Review Status, United States Gypsum Company, Kimball Draw Mine, M/015/075
(UTU-73777), Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Tilley:

On June 11, 1998, the Division received United States Gypsum Company's Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations for the Kimball Draw Project. The submission included one three-ring binder titled "Notice of Intention, Plan of Operations, Technical Report, MSHA Training Plan, Maps 1-4 and Exhibit 1." On August 14, 1998, the Division sent a letter stating that we were unable to review the plan within the usual timeframe, but hoped to be able to finish the review within 45 days. This letter is to advise you that we have since been notified by the BLM that an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) will be required. We have received a copy of the BLM letter of July 31, 1998 which included review comments for the Plan of Operations. We will coordinate our review with the BLM to the extent possible. At this time we have not completed a review of your June 1998 submission. We anticipate conducting a review of your submission within the next 45 days, provided this will not conflict with the BLM's EIS process.

We again apologize for the delay and any inconvenience this may cause you. We appreciate your patience and understanding in this regard. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns with this proposed review schedule.

Sincerely,

Anthony A. Gallegos
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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cc: Richard Manus, BLM, Price FO (UTU-73777)
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